

CHARTER
CHIEF OF ENGINEERS ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

- A. Official Designation: The Committee shall be known as the Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board (hereafter referred to as the Board).
- B. Objectives and Scope of Activities: The Board, under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), shall provide the Secretary of Defense, through the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Engineers (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers), independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to environmental issues facing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Secretary of the Army or designated representative may act upon the Board's advice and recommendations.
- C. Board Membership: The Board shall be composed of not more than ten members who are eminent authorities in the field of natural (e.g. biological, ecological), social (e.g. anthropologist, community planner) and related sciences. Board Members appointed by the Secretary of Defense, who are not full-time federal officers or employees, shall serve as Special Government Employees under the authority of 5 U.S.C. § 3109. Board Members shall be appointed on an annual basis by the Secretary of Defense, and shall serve no more than four consecutive years on the Board. The Board Membership shall select the Board's Chairperson from the total membership. Board Members shall, with the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, serve without compensation.
- D. Board Meetings: The Board shall meet at the call of the Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Chairperson, and the estimated number of Board meetings is two per year.

The Designated Federal Officer shall be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, and shall be appointed in accordance with established DoD policies and procedures. The Designated Federal Officer or Alternate Designated Federal Officer shall attend all board and subcommittee meetings.

The Board shall be authorized to establish subcommittees, as necessary and consistent with its mission, and these subcommittees or working groups shall operate under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. § 552b, as amended), and other appropriate federal regulations.

Such subcommittees or workgroups shall not work independently of the chartered Board, and shall report all their recommendations and advice to the Board for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or workgroups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Board nor can they report directly to the Department of Defense or any federal officers or employees who are not Board members.

- E. Duration of the Board: The need for this advisory function is on a continuing basis; however, it is subject to renewal every two years.
- F. Agency Support: The Department of Defense, through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, shall provide support as deemed necessary for the performance of the Board's functions, and shall ensure compliance with the requirements of 5 U.S.C. Appendix, as amended.

- G. Termination Date: The Board shall terminate upon completion of its mission or two years from the date of this Charter is filed, whichever is sooner or unless the Secretary of Defense extends it.
- H. Operating Costs: It is estimated that the annual operating costs, to include travel costs and contract support, for this Board is \$160,000.00. The estimated annual personnel costs to the Department of Defense are 0.75 full-time equivalents (FTEs).
- I. Recordkeeping: the records of the Board and its subcommittees shall be handled according to section 2, General Records Schedule 26 and appropriate DoD policies and procedures. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act of 1966 (5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended).
- J. Charter Filed: March 10, 2008